



## State of Connecticut

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

November 24, 2009

Governor M. Jodi Rell  
State Capitol, Room 202  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

We are all writing to inform you of a pressing environmental and public health matter in the city of Stamford concerning the remediation of Scofieldtown Dump, and the urgent need of state funding to help address this problem.

Although this municipal dump was closed in the late 1960's it has recently been discovered that several residential drinking wells immediately to the East of the site have been contaminated with the pesticides Dieldrin and Chlordane. Presently, there is no clear indication where the contamination is coming from, but the City of Stamford has taken a proactive and aggressive approach in responding to the emergency. As a result of the newly discovered well contamination, the City of Stamford faces two significant challenges:

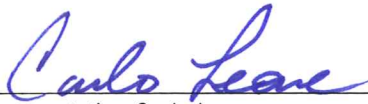
- (1) assuring that the approximately 60 homes in the vicinity have safe drinking water, and
- (2) that sufficient sampling and testing is done to develop a remediation plan that will protect the groundwater, the soil, surface water and sediment contamination that exists.

It is our understanding from a meeting with the DEP that increased funds of \$16 million under the 2009 bond package passed by the General Assembly (PA 09-2, Section 34) are available for this purpose and would like your assistance in being able to secure the release these funds in a timely matter. The City of Stamford has already applied for \$2 million in state bond funds with the DEP and we would appreciate anything your office can do to prioritize their release.

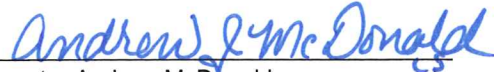
We can't emphasize enough the importance of resolving this matter as having access to a clean water supply is one the essential day to day needs of citizens that government can provide. It also is a situation that has been well documented in the newspapers and is only getting worse everyday as recently two new contaminated wells were found (see enclosed article).

Your assistance in getting these state bond funds on the next Bond Commission agenda is greatly appreciated. We also welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



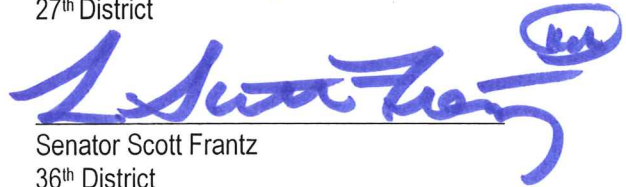
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cc: Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele  
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